Amendment of rules by National Gallery of Modern Art

5112. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Gallery of Modern Art has amended its rules governing purchase of art works ;

(b) whether the artists have protested against these changes ; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Neglect of monuments constructed by Dutch in the country

5113. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Dutch constructed rich and historic monuments of architectural marvel in the country along the shores of Bay of Bengal continue to be neglected and that no worthwhile exploration to preserve the monuments of historic value has been done ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these monuments have been clandestinely explored and that these archival structures of monumental value are proposed to be sold to private enterprises ;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof stating the reasons for gross neglect of the rich Dutch monuments of immense historical value in the country ; and

(d) what steps are contemplated by Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) No, Sir. Monuments of national importance under Central protection located along the shores of Bay of Bengal in Tamil Nadu are being properly preserved and maintained. A survey of the area is generally carried out to identify and declare a monument worthy of Central protection. As such only two Dutch monuments at Pulicat and Sadras in Tamil Nadu were found to be of national importance and are being protected.

(b) It is not true that centrally protected Dutch monuments are being clandestinely explored and are proposed to be sold to private enterprises.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Providing list of books in Kendriya Vidyalayas

5114. SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Kendriya Vidyalayas have been instructed to provide list of books for each class on commencement of new academic year after annual examination;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether it is a fact that Kendriya Vidyalayas at Shalimar Bagh, Lawrence Road, Pitampura and Sainik Vihar are not complying with existing instruction for the last five years causing much inconvenience and disappointment to students and their Parents ;

(d) whether Government propose to take some action in this regard ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. The Kendriya Vidyalayas are following books prescribed by National Council of Educational Research and Training for classes I to VIII and by